

REMARKS

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-16 are presented for favorable consideration. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in line with the examiner's comments of June 5, 2006.

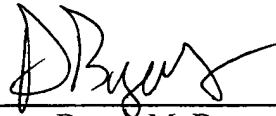
Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the examiner has any questions concerning this case, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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